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May 1, 2026

Dear Donors, Friends, Colleagues, and Constituents:

I am writing to request your support for the **D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trailblazers Award and Scholarship Dinner**. The Straker Bar Association is named after David Augustus Straker, who was the first African American to appear before the Michigan Supreme Court. The mission of the Straker Bar Association is to increase minority representation in the legal profession, support and encourage legal practice opportunities for the underrepresented, and facilitate equal justice for all citizens. Our membership includes a racially diverse coalition of lawyers, judges, in-house counsel and other legal professionals.

This year, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trailblazers Awards Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Mint at Michigan First Conference Center located at 27000 Evergreen Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076. We invite you to enjoy a cocktail reception from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and the program will begin immediately thereafter.** This year's theme is "**Trailblazers-Legacy in Motion: Honoring the Past and Inspiring the Future**".

The Trailblazers Awards Ceremony and Scholarship Dinner is the marquee event of the Straker Bar Association and is used to honor outstanding individuals who have blazed the trail in the legal community and beyond. The awards ceremony is also our gateway to award the *A. Kay Stanfield Spinks Law Student Scholarship* to law students dedicated to public service in Michigan and the *Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition* scholarship to high school juniors and seniors.

We invite you to be one of our exclusive sponsors or to place an advertisement in the Trailblazers Awards Souvenir Booklet. I have attached for your review additional information regarding sponsorship and advertisements. For those who are also interested in purchasing individual tickets to the awards ceremony, the cost is \$125.00 per ticket.

You may contact me via phone at (248) 320-7095 or email at [vjohnsonlaw@gmail.com](mailto:vjohnsonlaw@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

*Vassal N. Johnson II*

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# 32nd Annual Trailblazers Awards & Scholarship Dinner June 16, 2026

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